

support for efforts to report Iran to the United Nations Security Council; that the concurrent resolution be considered as read; that the previous question be considered as ordered on the concurrent resolution and preamble to final adoption without intervening motion or demand for division of the question except one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on International Relations and one motion to recommit which may not contain instructions. **Page H297**

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 678, electing the following members to the following standing committees: **Page H298**

Committee on International Relations: Representative Carnahan. **Page H298**

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Representative Barrow. **Page H298**

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Representative Salazar. **Page H298**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 679, electing the following member to the following standing committee: **Page H300**

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Representative McKeon, Chairman. **Page H300**

Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H312.

Referrals: S. 1777 was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page H330**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:44 a.m. and reconvened at 5:46 p.m. **Page H297**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H297 and H298. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on USDA. Testimony was heard from Mike Johanns, Secretary of Agriculture.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on DHS Management

and Operations. Testimony was heard from Michael Chertoff, Secretary of Homeland Security.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held an oversight hearing on Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. Testimony was heard from Lee H. Hamilton, President and Director, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

MILITARY QUALITY OF LIFE, VETERANS AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on DOD Budget Overview. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Tina W. Jonas, Under Secretary, Comptroller; and Philip W. Grone, Deputy Under Secretary, Installations and Environment.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Quality of Life—Senior Enlisted. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: SMA Major Kenneth O. Prestion, U.S. Army; Sgt. Major John L. Estrada, U.S. Marine Corps; Master Chief Petty Officer Terry D. Scott, Submarines/Aviation Warfare, Department of the Navy; and Chief CMSgt. Gerald R. Murray, U.S. Air Force.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2007 National Defense Authorization budget request from the Department of the Army. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: Francis J. Harvey, Secretary; and GEN Peter Schoomaker, USA, Chief of Staff.

ABLE DANGER PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces and the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a joint hearing on the Able Danger program. Testimony was heard from Stephen Cambone, Under Secretary, Intelligence, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

DOMESTIC ENTITLEMENTS AND THE FEDERAL BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Domestic Entitlements and the Federal Budget. Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General,

GAO; Douglas J. Holtz-Eakin, former Director, CBO; and a public witness.

HEALTH CARE PRIORITIES FISCAL YEAR 2007

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Held a hearing entitled “The Administration’s FY ’07 Health Care Priorities.” Testimony was heard from Michael O. Leavitt, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

INTERCHANGE FEES—LAW AND ECONOMICS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled “The Law and Economics of Interchange Fees.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MONETARY POLICY REPORT

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing to receive the Federal Reserve Board’s semiannual monetary policy report. Testimony was heard from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

METHYL BROMIDE EXEMPTION PROCESS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy and Resources held a hearing entitled “Methyl Bromide: Are U.S. Interests Being Served by the Critical User Exemption Process?” Testimony was heard from William Wehrum, Acting Assistant Administrator, Air and Radiation, EPA; and public witnesses.

PUBLIC HOUSING SYSTEM

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federalism and the Census, hearing entitled “Living in America: Is Our Public Housing System Up to the Challenges of the 21st Century?” Testimony was heard from David G. Wood, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investments, GAO; the following former officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development: Henry Cisneros, Secretary; and Rod Solomon, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy; and public witnesses.

MARITIME BORDER SECURITY BUDGET

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection and Cybersecurity held a hearing entitled “The President’s Fiscal Year Budget: Coast Guard Programs Impacting Maritime Border Security.” Testimony was heard from ADM Thomas H. Collins, USCG, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology held a hearing entitled “The State of Interoperable Communications: Perspectives from the Field.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HOMELAND SECURITY BUDGET

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment held a hearing entitled “The President’s Proposed FY07 Budget for the Department of Homeland Security: The Office of Intelligence and Analysis.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Charlie E. Allen, Chief Intelligence Officer; and Mary V. Connell, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Intelligence and Analysis.

INTERNET IN CHINA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations and the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a joint hearing entitled “The Internet in China: A Tool for Freedom or Suppression?” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: James Keith, Senior Advisor for China and Mongolia, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs; and David Gross, Deputy Assistant Secretary, International Communications and Information Policy, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs; and public witnesses.

RESOLUTIONS OF INQUIRY; FINANCIAL SERVICES REGULATORY RELIEF ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following measures: H. Res. 643, adversely, Directing the Attorney General to submit to the House of Representatives all documents in the possession of the Attorney General relating to warrantless electronic surveillance of telephone conversations and electronic communications of persons in the United States conducted by the National Security Agency; H. Res. 644, adversely, Requesting the President and directing the Attorney General to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution documents in the possession of those officials relating to the authorization of electronic surveillance of citizens of the United States without court approved warrants; and H.R. 3505, Financial Services Regulatory Relief Act of 2005.

SECOND CHANCE ACT; AFT GUN SHOW ENFORCEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security approved for full

Committee action H.R. 1704, Second Chance Act of 2005.

The Subcommittee also held an oversight hearing on the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (BATFE) Part 1: Gun Show Enforcement. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL PARK SERVICE FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks held an oversight hearing entitled “The National Park Service 2006 Draft Management Policies and proposed changes to Director’s Order 21.” Testimony was heard from Steve Martin, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; the following former officials of the Department of the Interior: William Horn, Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks; and Denis Galvin, Deputy Director, National Park Service; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on An Overview of the Federal R&D Budget for Fiscal Year 2007. Testimony was heard from John Marburger III, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy; Samuel Bodman, Secretary of Energy; David Sampson, Deputy Secretary of Commerce; Arden Bement, Director, NSF; and Charles McQuearty, Under Secretary, Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security.

OVERSIGHT—COMMERCIAL JET FUEL COSTS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held an oversight hearing on Commercial Jet Fuel Supply: Impact and Cost on the U.S. Airline Industry. Testimony was heard from John D. Shages, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Petroleum Reserves, Department of Energy; Michael A. Cirillo, Vice President, Systems Operations Services, Air Traffic Organization, FAA, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—BUDGET IMPACTS ON TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines held an oversight hearing on How the FY 2007 Budget Proposal Impacts SAFETEA LU. Testimony was heard from Phyllis Scheinberg, Assistant Secretary, Budget and Promotions, Department of Transportation.

VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Held a hearing on annual legislative agenda, views and priorities for veterans organizations. Testimony was heard from representatives of veterans organizations.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

PRESIDENT’S BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2007 BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Ways and Means: Continued hearings on President Bush’s Budget proposals for fiscal year 2007. Testimony was heard from John W. Snow, Secretary of the Treasury.

The Committee also approved Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2007 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

U.S. TRADE AGENDA

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on President Bush’s trade agenda. Testimony was heard from Robert J. Portman, U.S. Trade Representative.

BRIEFING—INTELLIGENCE VALUE OF INTERROGATION

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Oversight met in executive session to receive a Briefing on The Intelligence Value of Interrogation. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

SELECT COMMITTEE REPORT

Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina: Ordered reported “A Failure of Initiative,” the Final Report of the Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine priorities and plans for the atomic energy defense activities of the Department of Energy and to review the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2007 for atomic energy defense activities of the Department of Energy and the National Nuclear Security Administration, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the semiannual monetary policy report to the Congress, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: to resume hearings to examine the President’s fiscal year 2007 budget proposal, 10 a.m., SR-325.